

***Development of Regional Aviation Organizations:
Progress and Areas for Future Cooperation***

Abstract

Many States within a close geographical proximity are working to establish regional aviation organizations to address issues relating to safety oversight and related regulatory matters. Regional authorities may be particularly beneficial in areas where there are limited resources, limited skilled aviation expertise, and limited aviation industry. Regional aviation organizations have the potential to improve the safety oversight capabilities of a region through economies of scale in the use of harmonized aviation laws and regulations, common training programs for aviation safety personnel and a pool of personnel ready to assist in safety oversight activities. This panel will highlight the experiences in Central America, the South Pacific, and Africa.